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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL ON HUMAN RIGHTS

REFS: A. JAKARTA 7319 B. STATE 148930

1. SUMMARY: I CALLED ON ATTORNEY GENERAL ALI SAID JUNE 25 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE VISIT TO INDONESIA BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESSMAN FRASER'S SUBCOMMITTEE, WHICH I HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED WITH MALIK (REF. A) AND TO DISCUSS HUMAN RIGHTS IN GENERAL. SAID WELCOMED PROPOSED CODEL ALTHOUGH FINAL DECISION NOT HIS; HE EXPRESSED NO OBJECTION TO THEIR VISITING BURU ISLAND, BUT SAID KOPKAMTIB WOULD HAVE TO APPROVE. HE SAID SOME CLASS B PRISONERS WOULD BE RELEASED SOON, AND THAT 1974 ICRC REPORT ON VISIT TO BURU AND OTHER DETENTION CENTERS CAN NOW BE MADE PUBLIC. DEPARTMENT'S FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED. END SUMMARY.

2. IN FURTHER EXPLORATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION AND POSSIBLE REACTION CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION VISIT, I CALLED ON ATTORNEY GENERAL ALI SAID WHO SHARES WITH KOPKAMTIB RESPONSIBILITY FOR 1965 DETAINEES ON BURU ISLAND.

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3. I EXPLAINED OUR RECOGNITION OF FACT THAT DETAINEE

QUESTION AND THEIR TREATMENT WAS INTERNAL INDONESIAN MATTER. INDONESIAN LEADERSHIP HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST TO ME IN GREATER EFFORT TO PRESENT INDONESIA'S STORY TO U.S. CONGRESS. INEVITABLY THIS EFFORT WILL ENCOUNTER INTEREST OF SOME IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS IN HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN INDONESIA. CURRENT U.S. LEGISLATION PLACES LIMITATIONS ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE CONSISTENT RECORD OF VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. INDOCHINESE SITUATION HAS HEIGHTENED INTEREST OF CONGRESS IN INTERNAL CONDITIONS ALL COUNTRIES RECEIVING U.S. AID. DURING RECENT WASHINGTON VISIT I EXPLORED SITUATION WITH CHAIRMAN OF INTERESTED SUBCOMMITTEE, CONGRESSMAN FRASER. I WAS NOW CONFERRING WITH VARIOUS INDONESIAN OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE POSSIBILITIES FOR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND TO ASCERTAIN FACTS WHICH COULD BE RELAYED TO COMMITTEE. SPECIFICALLY, CONGRESSMAN EXPRESSED INTEREST IN: (A) SENDING SUBCOMMITTEE DELEGATION TO INDONESIA; (B) POSSIBILITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION VISITING BURU ISLAND; (C) INDONESIAN WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS PROBLEM OF DETAINEES WITH PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS; AND (D) FUTURE INDONESIAN PLANS FOR DEALING WITH DETAINEES. I STRESSED THAT I WAS NOT MAKING ANY OFFICIAL REQUEST BUT THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW ATTITUDE OF INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT ON THESE QUESTIONS BEFORE FINAL PLANS SET FOR SUCH DELEGATION. I WOULD SHORTLY BE CALLING ON CHAIRMAN OF PARLIAMENT TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF INVITATION.

4. ATTORNEY GENERAL SAID HE FELT CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION WOULD BE WELCOME AND AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE MORE FAVORABLY RECEIVED IF ITS INTEREST WAS MORE GENERAL RATHER THAN SPECIFICALLY POINTED TO HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION. HE NOTED VISIT OF DUTCH PARLIAMENTARIAN IN 1974 HAD HELPED CREATE BETTER UNDERSTANDING WITH NETHERLANDS AND THAT HE WAS PLANNING TO MEET SOON WITH DUTCH M.P. GIEBELSBNOW IN JAKARTA (REF A).

5. RE BURU ISLAND, HE SAID HE HAD NO PERSONAL OBJECTION TO DELEGATION VISITING SITE BUT THAT REQUEST WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE TO AND APPROVAL OBTAINED FROM KOPKAMTIB. HE
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WOULD WANT TO BRIEF DELEGATION BEFORE VISIT AND DELEGATION WOULD REQUIRE THREE DAYS FOR TRIP TO BURU, IN ADDITION TO TIME IN JAKARTA.

6. RE ATTITUDE TOWARD PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, SAID MENTIONED THAT INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF RED CROSS TEAMS HAD TWICE VISITED BURU, MOST RECENTLY IN 1974, AND THAT A GROUP OF FOREIGN JOURNALISTS ALSO VISITED THERE

IN EARLY 1970'S. WHEN I SAID I UNDERSTOOD GOI AND ICRC
HAD AGREED THAT ICRC VISIT AND REPORT WERE CONFIDENTIAL,
HE SAID GOI HAS NO OBJECTION TO PUBLIC MENTION OF VISIT
AND THAT ICRC REPORT--WITH EXCEPTION OF SOME SECTIONS
CRITICIZING BUDGET ALLOCATION WHICH HAVE BEEN DELETED
AT GOI REQUEST--CAN NOW BE MADE PUBLIC. HE SAID DELETED
PORTIONS UNFAIR BECAUSE THEY JUDGED APPROPRIATIONS AND
PRISON CONDITIONS BY STANDARDS OF WEALTHIER, DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES.

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